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1. IN EARLY OCTOBER 1973, SEVERAL HOMES OF PERSONS IDENTIFIED WITH THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) WERE SEARCHED BY MILITARY PATROLS FOR UNSPECIFIED REASONS. THESE INCLUDED THE HOMES OF FERNANDO CASTILLO, FORMER RECTOR OF THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN SANTIAGO; EDUARDO CERDA, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PDC AND CARDINAL RAUL SILVA, ARCHBISHOP

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OF SANTIAGO.

2. THE SEARCH OF CARDINAL SILVA'S RESIDENCE WAS CONDUCTED BY AIR FORCE TROOPS AND TOOK PLACE ABOUT 6 OCTOBER WHILE THE CARDINAL WAS ABSENT. THE SEARCH HAS CAUSED A STRONG NEGATIVE REACTION AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY SINCE CARDINAL SILVA IS ITS TITULAR HEAD, AND ADMIRAL (RETIRED) JORGE SWETT, MILITARY DELEGATE OF THE UNIVERSITY, HAS FORMALLY COMPLAINED TO THE JUNTA AND REQUESTED AN INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE.

3. THE SEARCH OF CERDA'S HOME WAS EFFECTED ON 12 OCTOBER WHILE CERDA WAS ATTENDING A COLUMBUS DAY FUNCTION AT THE SPANISH EMBASSY WITH OTHER PROMINENT CHILEANS INCLUDING SEVERAL GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE CHILEAN MILITARY. THE REASON FOR AND INITIATIVE BEHIND THE SEARCH ARE NOT KNOWN BUT THE ACTION TOOK PLACE JUST TWO DAYS AFTER THE MEETING BETWEEN THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA AND THREE TOP PDC LEADERS, NAMELY CERDA, PATRICIO AYLWIN AND OSVALDO LONGUIN, PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT RESPECTIVELY OF THE PDC.

4. THE SEARCH OF CASTILLO'S HOME OCCURRED TWO DAYS AFTER HIS REMOVAL AS RECTOR OF THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY. CASTILLO BELIEVES IT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE HIM. [REDACTED] COMMENT:

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SINCE CASTILLO HAS A SON WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE MOVEMENT OF
THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT, THE SEARCH MAY HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY
CONNECTED WITH THIS FACT. HOWEVER, THE SON NO LONGER LIVES
AT HOME. CASTILLO HIMSELF IS A MEMBER OF THE LEFT-WING OF
THE PDC WHO WAS QUITE CLOSE TO ALLENDE IDEOLOGICALLY AND WHOSE
WIFE WAS A LONG TIME FRIEND OF MRS. ALLENDE. CASTILLO LEFT
SANTIAGO ON 15 OCTOBER FOR AN EXTENDED TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES.)

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